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In re application of

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For: BIODEGRADABLE STARCH BOWL AND METHOD FOR PREPARING THE SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of

Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit an English language Abstract for each foreign language reference.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 19, 2006

The Examiner has returned PTO SB 08 Form filed on May 19, 2006, with the notation that the references cited therein have not been considered because translations were not provided.

In response, Applicants respectfully point out that each of these references was disclosed in an International Search Report and in a Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority also filed in the present application on May 19, 2006, and available in PAIR. Additionally, it is understood that copies of these documents are to be provided to the USPTO by the International Bureau. Nonetheless, at present, Applicants are able to provide a copy of KR-2004-0053644.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that consideration of these references be made.

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